

Application no. 09/881,295
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Amendments to the Specifications:

Please replace paragraph [0005], previously page 1 lines 15 – 21 of the original filed application, with the following amended:

[0005] A common way for ~~user~~ users to access and activate other applications is through mouse clicks on icons and shortcut buttons. The use of pointing devices, such as computer mice, has become so prevalent that it has contributed to a rise in repetitive strain injuries, also referred to as cumulative trauma injuries. For example, suppose a user wishes to access ~~the a~~ word processing package on their personal computer ~~[[.]]~~ , the The user clicks on a shortcut icon, if one exists on the desktop. If the icon is not on the desktop, the user may click some other button to access a list of programs and then click on the icon for that program.

Please replace paragraph [0022], previously page 4 lines 13 – 19 of the original filed application, with the following amended:

[0022] In FIG. 2a, for example, the proxy interface 16 is located somewhere on the periphery of the main application window. In the specific example of FIG. 2b 2a, it is located in the upper right corner, however it may be located just about anywhere. An alternative location is shown in FIG. 2a 2b, where the proxy interface is located as a bar just above the toolbar in a Windows® system. The location of the proxy interface is not important. It should allow the user to view the current or default settings for the secondary application and preferably not interfere with the main application window.